(ii) Majority of underground mines are old extensive and worked manually.

(iii) Many underground mines are having geo-mining problems like steep and multiple seams, occurance of fires and water logged old workings in adjoining areas prevailing in general are very difficult.

(iv) A sizeable proportion of the coking coal being now produced is not of quality which is acceptable to the steel plants and as such is not being washed.

(v) Most of the existing washeries are old and were originally designed to wash coking coals of better varieties. These washeries are not able to deal with effectively the coals presently being produced.

(e) Major steps taken to augment availability of raw coking coal and to improve quality of clean coal are:

(i) Increasing raw coal feed to washeries by supply of low volatile medium coking coal of suitable quality,

(ii) modifications of the existing washeries to improve capacity utilisation and improve quality of washed coal.

(iii) increasing raw coal availability by re-organising existing mines and development of new mines and

(iv) early commissioning of two new washeries under construction at Madhuband (BCCL) and Kedla (CCL).

Modernisation of CIL Units

102. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state in what manner Coal India Ltd. propose to finance the purchase of major equipments for replacement/expansion of old equipments used in coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): CIL has proposed to finance the purchase of major equipments for replacement by internal resources and commercial borrowings from domestic and/or external sources.

Diversification of activities by MMTC

103. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MMTC increased its areas of operation and diversified its activities;

(b) if so, the areas in which MMTC has expanded its activities;

(c) the results thereof since then; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MMTC has consolidated its business in minerals, metals, fertilisers, diamonds and gems and jewellery. It has diversified into agro products, marine products, textiles leather, drugs, chemicals & pharmaceuticals.

(c) and (d) Due to consolidation and diversification measures initiated by MMTC, MMTC's turnover has increased from Rs. 3,217 crores in 1993-94 to Rs. 5,262 crores in 1994-95.

Reduction of duty of non coking coal

104. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether reduction in duty of non coking coal in 1994-95 has shown any substantial increase in import;

(b) the details of the import of non coking coal in 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(c) its impact on Coal India production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) According to the statistics of Directorate General of Foreign Trade, the details of import of coal, other than coking coal, hard coke, and other cokes of coal, during 1993-94 and 1994-95 were as under:

Year	(Data provisional)
1993-94	3,94,963 tonnes
1994-95	5,81,812 tonnes

(c) Coal India Limited have reported that so far the import of non-coking coal have had no significant impact on its production of coal.

Criterion by the World Bank

105. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has worked out a new criterion based upon 'produced capital' 'natural capital' and 'social capital' and human resource to assess the wealth of a nation;

(b) whether according to this criterion, India has been placed at 172nd position among 192 countries; and

(c) whether the Planning Commission and Government of India agree with the net criterion and use it for guidance of their policies in regard to economic planning and protection of environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) and (b) The World Bank has an on going research project on estimation of wealth of a nation using three types of wealth; (a) Human Resources; (b) Produced Assets and (c) Natural Capital. The estimates are still at a preliminary stage. As is observed by the World Bank. "Considerably more work and more conceptual thinking are needed on these points. We must recognize the work done by the national accounting standard setters around the world...."

Estimates of stock capital are made by Central Statistical Organisation as a part of National Account. The stock of capital includes non reproducible tangible assets which in turn covers land, timber and forests subsoil assets and fisheries.

The public sector plan includes specific Programmes for human development, conservation and regeneration of natural resources, and for augmenting the stock of fixed assets.

(c) The development of the criterion by the World Bank is still at a very preliminary stage.

Storage Capacity in FCI

106. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India is maintaining the storage capacity and storing more than 30mt. of foodgrains whereas the manpower sanctioned is only for 18.4mt;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are at least 9000 posts in FCI lying vacant and that there is stagnation in every category of posts;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a large number of officers have been inducted in the Corporation from outside;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps are being taken in these matters?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No Sir, as on 30.9.95